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SUBJECT: UPV DECIDES TO ABSTAIN IN SECOND BALLOT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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1. THE "UNION PROGRESSISTE VOLTAIQUE" (UPV) LET BY PROFESSOR JOSEPH KI-ZERBO DECIDED MAY 19 TO RECOMMEND TO ITS FOLLOWERS THAT THEY ABSTAIN DURING THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY MAY 28. REASONS GIVEN WERE THAT IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH A MODUS VIVENDI WITH EITHER CANDIATE, AND THAT BOTH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND MACAIRE OUZDRAOGO WERE IDEOLOGICALLY SO FAR REMOVED FROM UPV THAT ABSTENTION WAS ONLY SOLUTION.

2. IT IS KNOWN THAT BOTH JOSEPH KI-ZERBO AND JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO, THE TWO FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIATES WHO
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WILL NOT BE COMPETING IN THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS, VISITED KOUDOUGOU EARLY LAST WEEK AND MET WITH MACAIRE OUEDRAOGO AND FORMER PRESIDENT MAURICE BPAMEOGO. WHILE JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO HAS REACHED SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNDD AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MACAIRE OUZDRAOGO'S CANDIDACY, VHHGF OBVIOUS THAT KI-ZERBO DID NOT GET SATISFACTION FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE FORMER

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3. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE UPV DECISION WILL IMPROVE
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S CHANCES IN THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS.
WHILE THE INTELLECTUAL WING OF THE UPV, BASED MOSTLY IN THE
CITIES, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ABIDE BY THEIR PARTY'S DECISION,
UPV MEMBERS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE
MOSTLY FORMER PRA MEMBERS, ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE FOR
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. MOST OBSERVERS NOW BELIEVE THAT
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WILL WIN ON MAY 28 BY A SMALL MAJORITY. GRAHAM

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